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In matters prosecuted by the US Attorney's Office for the Southern District of West Virginia:



Charleston, WV – **William Leon Sales, 27, of Charleston, WV**, was sentenced yesterday to 96 months in prison for being a felon in possession of a firearm. Sales was found guilty of the gun charge by a Federal jury sitting in Charleston in June 2004.

The charge stems from a shooting incident in February 2004 in the Amandaville section of St. Albans, WV. Sales, a convicted felon, shot another individual seven times with a .357 Magnum. Sales was prohibited from possessing the firearm because of previous Federal felony convictions in the Southern District of West Virginia for possession of a machine gun and for distribution of cocaine base.

The Kanawha County Sheriff's Department and the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives conducted the investigation. United States District Judge John T. Copenhaver, Jr. presided over the sentencing.